## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - ONLY FRIEND IN CARIBBEAN

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International Communism, victorious in Cuba, consolidated through force and terror by the bloody regime of Fidel Castro, now looks towards the Dominican Republic as its immediate objective.

This anti-Communist bulwark in the Caribbean, more than an insurmountable obstacle to progressive red infiltration in the Hemisphere, has become an irritant to the overall hierarchy of the Marxist doctrines by virtue of the virile, brave and decided attitude adopted before the Americas by the great leader of that country, Generalissimo Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina.

For this reason, now that Cuba has become the first satellite the Russians have in the Americas, the Government of the Dominican Republic, and her insuperable leader, are the focal point for their attacks; allowing them to prove to the rest of the Latin American nations that Red activities, gradually, though relentlessly, are being successfully carried on by the blind slaves who obey the orders of their lords and masters in Moscow.

In the same way as happened in Cuba, now, at this moment, a section of the press and radio, though not Marxist, is playing, into the hands of the Russian agents. And, with a mixture of naivete and stupidity, they are falling into the trap of facilitating their propaganda and dissemination media for use against the Dominican government without it occuring to them that they are backing the Bolshevist cause and fighting against the most outstanding and impregnable anti-Communist fortress throughout the whole of the Caribbean.

The Dominican Republic, which is assaulting no one, and which only aspires to live in peace with other nations, is imperturbably withstanding all these mendacious and insidious campaigns; it has beaten off, in an exemplary manner, several attempts at invading its territory; and it will continue, inspired by the leadership of its guide and mentor, Generalissimo Trujillo, to perform fully the historic mission God has given to it at this moment of decision for the world. Luckily for the nation, the firm hand of Generalissimo Trujillo will continue, with that energy that characterizes it, to steer the ship of state through rough and difficult seas in which the audacity and the aggressiveness of the Reds contrast most clearly with the incomprehensible timidity and inexplicable vacillations of the nation representing the great antagonistic force.

The flourishing economy of the Dominican Republic, its magnificent transformation, the solidity of its institutions, the development of its wealth, the stability of its political regime and its permanent advance post in the universal war against Communism, are things that the service minions of the Kremlin are not disposed to tolerate. It is for this reason that, against this nation and against its guide and symbol, Generalissimo Trujillo, plots are hatched, crimes planned, invasions attempted and an adverse public opinion created by means of lies, slander and defamation.

As a slight, though expressive, example of the nefarious publicity campaign that is being carried on, it is worth placing on record how, as the result of a frustrated plot against the powers of the State, and because of the arrests carried out (as is only logical in such cases), there have appeared news items in the papers, and loud voices have been heard over the radio, with that insistence which proves the insincerity and bias of their origin, giving tongue to hypocritical lamentations by reason of the number of arrests made.

And yet, not a word is said about the twenty thousand political prisoners, heaped together and hungry, in tunnels, cellars, and medieval prisons, ill-treated, tortured, mutilated and murdered in Cuba. Do the

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Fidel Castro has allowed the communists to move in around him and turn Cuba against the United States, the closest and most valuable friend.

dramatic denunciations published by the families of these Cuban prisoners, unfortunate victims of the sadism of their unscrupulous jailors and of those who torture for pleasure, not rouse compassion and horror? Does it mean nothing? Is not indignation aroused by the affronts suffered by these families and, particularly, by the wives of these prisoners, when they attempt to see them or to ask about them?

Take any month of those that Cuba has been suffering Castro's tyranny, and look at the list of prisoners and people arrested, published by Castro's press itself, and you will see the amazing number there have been. And yet, this fact does not appear to have moved any sensitive soul, to have caused any voice to be raised in protest, nor to have disturbed the peaceful sleep of those composing the UNO's Committee on Human Rights, nor even to have produced words of warning or mercy on the part of shepherds of souls. Nor does the democratic press and radio make mention of the monstrous crimes being perpetrated in the largest of the islands of the Caribbean.

## YOUR EDITOR-

Conde McGinley, is in the hospital — too long hours — too much strain — hence our correspondence will suffer. Please bear with us and remember him in your prayers. Any help you can give us now will be appreciated. His son, Bill

Rather the contrary is the case, a culpable silence has been kept about the death of Lieutenant Jose Castano, the most useful, intelligent and prepared of all the Cuban anti-Communists, murdered in cold blood by Che Guevara in a prison cell in the La Cabana fortress. And no one speaks of the unjust imprisonment, of the oppression, of the torture to which is subjected the brave pheric leader of anti-Communism, Ernesto de la Fe, whose forehead was severely cut as a result of a gun whipping from one of his infamous jailors, leaving a deep and permanent scar. And they continue to tor-ture him, mixing the insufficient and miserable food they give him with all kinds of offal and filth, as Ernesto de la Fe himself reported on an occasion when he was able to escape the vigilance of his jailors.

Complete silence is maintained regarding the continual and public slights to which Castro subjected Ambassador Bonsal, the diplomatic representative of the United States, by not receiving him nor attending to him, in complete contrast to his servile adulation of Mikoyan, about whom he moves ridiculously, behaving like a playful and happy small boy, though dirty, fat and bearded. And no one is moved by the sacrilege committed with the memory of Jose

Marti, before whose statue the representative of Russian despotism deposited a wreath in the form of a hammer and sickle. And, in face of general indifference, Raul Castro and Che Guevara mock the U. S. flag. And Fidel Castro outrages the Cuban flag, placing alongside it and in a preferential position, that of Soviet Union.

And the same thing occurs when the permanently genuflexed puppet **President**, **Dorticos**, bows so deeply that he becomes a mat on which the arrogant Moscovite wipes his insolent boots, splashed with the blood of millions of victims, with the tears and mourning of oppressed peoples and with the mud of steppes, and whom the traitors to their country who are wielding power in Cuba, receive as if he were their master.

And yet, around the whole of this tragic and grotesque picture, which produces pain, indignation and nausea, a heavy shroud of silence, indifference and conformity is wrapped, denoting at bottom a secret and incomprehensible cowardice.

By reason of it all, the contrast between certain exasperating sensibilities in the case of the Dominican Republic, and a suspicious dullness in face of ruthless forms of repression and vengeance like those that are savagely used daily in Cuba, there arises the preoccupying and anguished question: is it possible that the Communists have a right to oppress, jail, steal and murder, as they did in Hungary and are doing today in Cuba, helped by the general cowardice and complicity of those who maintain a guilty silence and inhuman indifference?

The Communist conspiracy in the Americas, against which I have been battling, and will continue to do so without pause or rest, employs, it must be recognized, intelligent factors, and carries out well coordinated plans which, on occasions, confuse public opinion, through malicious campaigns, often achieving their goal.

They are attempting something like this at the present moment. There is a small country with a brave people and a great and tranquill Chief, a Chief who will not abdicate, give up, surrender, and much less become afraid. This is the Dominican Republic. It is the Dominican people. It is Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo Molina. Thus, despite everything, the Dominican Republic will follow the course of its destiny, maintaining itself as an example to other nations as to how those who fight against the infamous Communist doctrine and keep themselves loyal to the fundamental of Christian morality and to the principles of human dignity to which Western civilization devotes itself, should adopt an upright and irreductible attitude.

## PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

(1226)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love, for it is in giving that we receive; it is pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Do we at COMMON SENSE subscribe to the above? We certainly do, every line. We hate no one but love Jesus Christ and Our Country sufficiently to prompt us to expose the Marxist Anti-Christians regardless of how clever they are or how they squirm.

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